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NEWS RELEASE

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A Wild New Lottery Game With Free Trips To Las Vegas

At 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 23, the North Dakota Lottery will begin the statewide official launch of their newest game, Wild Card 2, at the Sooper Stop in West Fargo, M & H Gas in Jamestown, B & J Tesoro in Bismarck and M & H Gas in Minot.

“Like our other launches, these four Lottery retailers are among the top 20 Lottery sales outlets in the state,” said Chuck Keller, North Dakota Lottery director. “But unlike other launches, this time we’re going a little wild,” he added.

The Lottery and Allegiant Air will be giving away round trip airfare to Las Vegas. Players who give Wild Card 2 a try will be given a registration form qualifying them to enter the contest. Players have all day on September 23 to enter the contest. Lottery officials will draw one winner at each location at 8 p.m. C.S.T. that same day.

“Once players try Wild Card 2 they will like it,” said Keller. To play, players first pick five numbers from 1-31. Then pick their Wild Card – one of four face cards (Jack, Queen, King or Ace) and one of the four suits (Hearts, Clubs, Diamonds, or Spades). Or, players can ask for a “Quick Pick” which lets the Lottery computer select random numbers and face cards.

Players win if their numbers, in any order, match the numbers drawn. And, anytime players match the Wild Card, they win a prize. Jackpots start at \$100,000 and grow until someone wins. The current jackpot is **\$245,000***.

Jackpot winners will receive one lump sum cash payment. There is no annuity. Other prizes are \$1, \$2, \$5, \$20, \$500, \$5,000. The overall odds of winning a prize are 1:6 and players receive two plays for \$1.

Wild Card 2 drawings, while not televised, are held in Urbandale, IA, at the Multi-State Lottery Association's studio along with Powerball and Hot Lotto every Wednesday and Saturday. In addition to North Dakota, the Wild Card 2 game is played in Montana, South Dakota and Idaho.

Players will have a second chance to win more free trips by entering the Wild Card 2 Las Vegas Getaway sponsored by the Lottery and Allegiant Air. To enter, players must send their non-winning North Dakota Wild Card 2 tickets, purchased between September 23, 2004 and October 16, 2004, to the Lottery.

On October 20, 2004, the lottery will draw two tickets from all the entries and two lucky winners will win roundtrip airfare and hotel accommodations for two people to Las Vegas. Players can get all details for the Wild Card 2 Vegas Getaway at any of 398 lottery retailers.

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***Please Note:** Drawings for Wild Card 2 are held every Wednesday and Saturday. The "current" jackpot listed amount above will change after tonight's Wild Card 2 drawing. Please check our website at www.ndlottery.org to update the amount.

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